

**Amendments to Claims**

1. **(Currently amended)** An integral structure comprising a metal surface and one or more plastic support members and/or plastic rib supports attached to said metal surface [thereto], wherein said metal surface comprises at least one edge portion formed at least in part with an undulating or serrated pattern [or a bend or curve] sufficient to secure at least one support member therealong and/or wherein at least one rib support is connected to said metal surface with a lip.

2. **(original)** The integral structure of Claim 1 further comprising ribs incorporated therealong.

3. **(original)** The integral structure of Claim 1 wherein said metal surface has an aperture formed therein.

4. **(original)** The integral structure of Claim 1 wherein said plastic support members and ribs are made of polyamide.

5. **(Currently amended)** An article comprising an integral structure comprising a metal surface and one or more plastic support members and/or plastic rib supports attached to said metal surface [thereto], wherein said metal surface comprises at least one edge portion formed at least in part with an undulating or serrated pattern [or a bend or curve] sufficient to secure at least one support member therealong and/or wherein at least one rib support is connected to said metal surface with a lip.

6. **(Previously presented)** The article of Claim 5 in the form of a front end module.

7. **(New)** The integral structure of Claim 1 wherein said metal surface comprises at least one edge portion formed at least in part with an undulating or serrated surface and a bend or curve.